Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know from the Government whether there was any restriction regarding the number of students that can be admitted in the Maharaja's College this year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certain restrictions were temporarily imposed by the University as far as admission here is concerned at present.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the number for the present?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—450 was the one which was originally fixed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was that violated?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The numbers were exceeded because of some beneficial assurance given by some responsible officers of that University.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether our Director of Public Instruction is a Member of the Academic Council or the Senate of Madras?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I was a member of the Academic Council but my place lapsed when I came away. I am an ex-officio member of the Senate.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether the Director of Public Instruction has got any information regarding the move for the disaffiliation of the College; whether there is any move for it?

President.—That has already been answered in the paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether our Director of Public Instruction has any knowledge?

President.—You cannot ask personal questions.

Site value—Maharaja's College, Hostels, etc.

79. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

what is the (1) site value of the present Maharaja's College, (2) the buildings value of the same, (3) the site value of the Hindu Hostel, (4) the site value of the Christian Hostel and (5) the building value of the 2 hostels?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) and (3). Rs. 1,51,500.

(2) Rs. 2,10,000.

(4) Rs. 11,500.

(5) Rs. 76,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The site value given for the various sub-divisions—at what rate is the site value calculated; how many rupees per cent?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The site value of the College is estimated at Rs. 250 per cent. The extent of land is 6·6 acres and that for the Christian hostel is ·6 acres. The site value is Rs. 250 per cent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know at what rate acquisition is valued?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I am the awarding officer. I cannot commit myself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the present or the actual cost incurred in the construction of those buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The cost report here is what it would cost now to build. It does not take into consideration the depreciation of the building.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, just to say a word in reply with regard to some statements in the covering letter published as Appendix I: In the first place I would thank the Government for placing this letter before the public for the simple reason that the people are likely to run away with the idea, already some gossip is going on, that I had got some private interest in this matter.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—I rise to a point of order. Neither the Standing Orders nor the Rules provide for such explanations.

President.—The Hon'ble Member may make a personal explanation.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Personal explanation on what point?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—May I continue, Sir?

President.—Yes.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—One personal explanation was made and I thought that it was necessary that I should explain. I need not assure you, Sir, that no criticism or adverse comment was intended in this covering letter. To the best of my knowledge the Committee over which I had the privilege to preside expressed that they were surprised at the dissenting note. The room for this surprise, I think, was given by the fact that the dissenting note raised points which were unfamiliar to the Committee. That was the reason why I said that he had not taken the Committee into his confidence. It meant no disparagement. It is the usual way of speaking. It involves, so far as I am concerned, absolutely no shadow or hint of personal remark. (*Hear, hear.*) If the Hon'ble colleague and the House, after reading this Appendix, have had any reason to think otherwise, I can only, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Committee, say that I apologise.

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